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1. In mid-October 1948, a new "secret weapon" was tested at Milovice. It was a Russian "Katusha", mounted on a railroad car in such a manner that ammunition was stored behind the armor plating of the car. The gun crews rode on an adjacent car.
2. On each car two "Katushas" were mounted. They were loaded automatically and fired electrically. Each "Katusha" had three sets of gun-barrels and each set consisted of 6 barrels, so that both weapons had a total of 36 barrels.
3. This weapon very effectively covered an area 1 kilometer wide and 100 meters deep. Trial shooting was carried out only to a distance of 6 kilometers because of the limited space.
4. During the trials at Milovice, an order was issued to open all windows because of the great concussions caused by the shooting.

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